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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISOR'S TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AND THE 2006 SUPPLEMENT TO THE GENERAL STATUTES."

Strike lines 569 to 581, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(b) (1) No state officer or employee, as defined in section 4-141, no quasi-public agency officer or employee, no officer or employee of a large state contractor and no appointing authority shall take or threaten to take any personnel action against any state or quasi-public agency employee or any employee of a large state contractor in retaliation for such employee's or contractor's disclosure of information to (A) an employee of [(i)] the Auditors of Public Accounts or the Attorney General under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section; [(ii)] (B) an employee of the state agency or quasi-public agency where such state officer or employee is employed; [(iii)] (C) an employee of a state agency pursuant to a mandated reporter statute; or [(iv)] (D) in the case of a large state contractor, [to] an employee of the contracting state agency concerning information involving the large

16 state contract."

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- 17 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and 18 internal references accordingly:
- "Sec. 501. Subdivisions (4) and (5) of section 7-244h of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (4) Sell, lease, grant options to purchase or to renew a lease for any interest in all or any portion of property of such authority, real or personal, tangible or intangible, determined by such authority to be no longer used by or useful to such authority, on such terms as such authority may determine to be necessary, desirable or convenient, subject to the provisions of applicable law concerning such sale, lease or options, except that such authority may not sell, lease or otherwise convey any interest in land classified under [subsection (c) of section 25-37] section 25-37c as class I or class II water-company-owned land unless specifically authorized in subdivision (5) or (17) of this section;
- 32 (5) Mortgage or otherwise encumber all or any portion of the 33 property of such authority, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or 34 assume all [of] or any portion of any obligations incurred by a 35 constituent municipality in connection with the acquisition, 36 construction or operation of any system transferred to or operated by 37 such authority, or any person operating a system on behalf of such 38 authority whenever, in the opinion of such authority, such action is 39 deemed to be in furtherance of the purposes of sections 7-244g to 7-40 244s, inclusive.
- Sec. 502. Subdivision (20) of section 7-244h of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 44 (20) Subject to approval by a majority of members of such 45 authority's board of directors and such other requirements as such 46 authority may establish, indemnify and hold harmless any person in

47 connection with the business of such authority, including [,]

- 48 indemnification against taxation by the federal and state governments
- 49 respecting any state or local property taxes and any realization of tax
- 50 benefits or incentives associated with ownership of a system or of
- 51 ownership of any interest in property, real or personal, tangible or
- 52 intangible.
- 53 Sec. 503. Subdivision (23) of section 7-244h of the 2006 supplement
- 54 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
- 55 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 56 (23) Establish and impose fees, rates, charges and penalties on users
- of the system, including the state and any political subdivision thereof,
- 58 including municipalities, and levy assessments on property benefited
- 59 by the system, including property owned by the state and any political
- 60 subdivisions thereof, including municipalities, in accordance with
- sections 7-244g to 7-244s, inclusive, for the services it performs and
- 62 waive, suspend, reduce or otherwise modify such fees, rates, charges,
- penalties or assessments, provided each such fee, rate, charge, penalty
- or assessment applies uniformly to all users and benefited properties
- 65 within the constituent municipality with respect to a given type or
- 66 category of water supply, in accordance with criteria established by
- such authority, and further provided no change may be made in user
- 68 fees to users within the constituent municipality without at least sixty
- 69 days prior notice to the users affected thereby.
- Sec. 504. Section 7-244q of the 2006 supplement to the general
- 71 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 72 (Effective from passage):
- Without limiting the generality of any and all rights, privileges and
- 74 powers granted to an authority under the provisions of sections 7-244g
- 75 to 7-244s, inclusive, and subject to the [provision of said] <u>provisions of</u>
- sections 7-244g to 7-244s, inclusive, an authority shall have the same
- 77 rights, privileges and powers related to the issuance of bonds as are
- 78 granted to a municipality or town, as such terms are defined in chapter

109. Where [said] chapter 109 authorizes or requests action by a municipal or town official, officer or body, the board of directors of an authority shall designate an official, officer or body of such authority to take such action on behalf of such authority, except that the provisions of sections 7-373 to 7-374a, inclusive, [7-347c] <u>7-374c</u>, 7-378b, 7-378d and 7-378f do not apply to such authority. For purposes of this section, references in [said] chapter 109 to "taxes" or "taxation" mean charges or assessments by an authority.

- Sec. 505. Subsection (a) of section 10-16x of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (a) The Department of Education, in consultation with the after school committee established pursuant to section 10-16v, may, within available appropriations, administer a grant program to provide grants for after school programs to local and regional boards of education, municipalities and not-for-profit organizations that are exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended. For purposes of this subsection, "after school program" means a program that takes place when school is not in session and is for the educational, enrichment and recreational activities [for] of children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive.
- Sec. 506. Section 10-231a of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - As used in sections 10-231b to 10-231d, inclusive, <u>as amended</u>, and section 19a-79a, <u>as amended</u>, (1) "pesticide" means a fungicide used on plants, an insecticide, a herbicide or a rodenticide, but does not mean a sanitizer, disinfectant, antimicrobial agent or [a] pesticide bait, (2) [a] "lawn care pesticide" means a pesticide registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and labeled pursuant to the federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act for use in lawn, garden and

ornamental sites or areas, and (3) "integrated pest management" means

- use of all available pest control techniques, including judicious use of
- pesticides, when warranted, to maintain a pest population at or below
- an acceptable level, while decreasing the use of pesticides.
- Sec. 507. Subsection (b) of section 10-231b of the 2006 supplement to
- the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 117 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (b) No person shall apply a lawn care pesticide on the grounds of
- any public or private preschool or public or private elementary school,
- except that (1) on and after January 1, 2006, until July 1, 2008, an
- application of a lawn care pesticide may be made at a public or private
- 122 elementary school on the playing fields and playgrounds of such
- 123 [schools] school pursuant to an integrated pest management plan,
- 124 which plan (A) shall be consistent with the model pest control
- management plan developed by the Commissioner of Environmental
- Protection pursuant to section 22a-66l, and (B) may be developed by a
- local or regional board of education for all public schools under its
- 128 control, and (2) an emergency application of a lawn care pesticide may
- be made to eliminate a threat to human health, as determined by the
- 130 local health director, the Commissioner of Public Health, the
- 131 Commissioner of Environmental Protection [,] or, in the case of a
- public elementary school, the school superintendent.
- Sec. 508. Subsection (g) of section 10a-178 of the 2006 supplement to
- the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 135 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (g) "Health care institution" means [(i)] (1) any nonprofit, state-aided
- 137 hospital or other health care institution, including The University of
- 138 Connecticut Health Center, which is entitled, under the laws of the
- state, to receive assistance from the state by means of a grant made
- pursuant to a budgetary appropriation made by the [general assembly,
- 141 (ii)] General Assembly, (2) any other hospital or other health care
- institution which is licensed, or any nonprofit, nonstock corporation

143 which shall receive financing or shall undertake to construct or acquire 144 a project which is or will be eligible to be licensed, as an institution 145 under the provisions of sections 19a-490 to 19a-503, inclusive, as 146 amended, or any nonprofit, nonstock, nonsectarian facility which is 147 exempt from taxation under the provisions of section 12-81, as 148 amended, or 38a-188 and which is a health care center under the 149 provisions of sections 38a-175 to 38a-191, inclusive, or [(iii)] (3) any 150 nonprofit corporation wholly owned by two or more hospitals or other 151 health care institutions which operates for and on behalf of such 152 hospitals or other health care institutions a project, as defined in 153 subsection (b) [hereof] of this section, or is a nursing home.

- Sec. 509. Subsection (h) of section 12-263m of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (h) On or after February 1, 2000, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment regarding the account and grant program established under this section. Such report shall include information as to the number of applications received, and the number and amounts of grants made, since the inception of the program, the names of the applicants, the time period between submission of <u>an</u> application and the decision to [grant] <u>approve</u> or deny the [loan] <u>grant</u>, which applications were approved and which applications were denied and the reasons for denial. Such report shall further include a recommendation as to whether the surcharge and the grant program established under this section should continue.
- 171 Sec. 510. Subsection (a) of section 12-643 of the 2006 supplement to 172 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 173 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 174 (a) The term "taxable gifts" means the transfers by gift which are

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included in taxable gifts for federal gift tax purposes under Section

- 176 2503 and Sections 2511 to 2514, inclusive, and Sections 2516 to 2519,
- inclusive, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent
- 178 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time
- to time amended, less the deductions allowed in Sections 2522 to 2524,
- inclusive, of said Internal Revenue Code, except in the event of repeal
- of the federal gift tax, [than] then all references to the Internal Revenue
- 182 Code in this section shall mean the Internal Revenue Code as in force
- on the day prior to the effective date of such repeal.
- Sec. 511. Subsection (g) of section 15-140j of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 186 passage):
- 187 (g) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
- 188 fined not less than sixty dollars [nor] or more than two hundred fifty
- dollars for each such violation.
- 190 Sec. 512. Subsection (d) of section 16-19b of the 2006 supplement to
- 191 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 192 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 193 (d) The Department of Public Utility Control shall adjust the retail
- 194 rate charged by each electric distribution company for electric
- 195 transmission services periodically to recover all transmission costs
- 196 prudently incurred by each electric distribution company. The
- 197 Department of Public Utility Control, after notice and hearing, shall
- design the retail transmission rate to provide for recovery of all Federal
- 199 Energy Regulatory Commission approved transmission costs, rates,
- 200 tariffs and charges and of other transmission costs prudently incurred
- by an electric distribution company in accordance with section 16-19e.
- Notwithstanding the provisions of section 16-19, the department shall
- adjust the retail transmission rate in accordance with the provisions of
- 204 subsections (e) and (h) of this section. A transmission rate adjustment
- 205 clause approved pursuant to this section shall apply to all electric
- 206 distribution companies similarly affected by transmission costs. The

department's authority to review the [prudency] <u>prudence</u> of costs shall not apply to any matter over which any agency, department or instrumentality of the federal government has exclusive jurisdiction, or has jurisdiction concurrent with that of the state and has exercised such jurisdiction to the exclusion of regulation of such matter by the state.

- Sec. 513. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 16-32f of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 216 (2) Programs included in the plan shall be screened through cost-217 effectiveness testing that compares the value and payback period of 218 program benefits to program costs to ensure that the programs are 219 designed to obtain gas savings whose value is greater than the costs of 220 the program. Program cost-effectiveness shall be reviewed annually by 221 the department, or otherwise as is practicable. If the department 222 determines that a program fails the cost-effectiveness test as part of the 223 review process, the program shall either be modified to meet the test 224 or [shall] be terminated. On or before January 1, 2007, and annually 225 thereafter, the board shall provide a report, in accordance with the 226 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the 227 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and 228 the environment, that documents expenditures and funding for such 229 programs and evaluates the cost-effectiveness of such programs 230 conducted in the preceding year, including any increased cost-231 effectiveness owing to offering programs that save more than one fuel 232 resource.
- Sec. 514. Subsection (a) of section 16-50k of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 236 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of section 16-50z, no person 237 shall exercise any right of eminent domain in contemplation of, 238 commence the preparation of the site for, or commence the

construction or supplying of a facility, or commence any modification of a facility, that may, as determined by the council, have a substantial adverse environmental effect in the state without having first obtained a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need, hereinafter referred to as a "certificate", issued with respect to such facility or modification by the council, except fuel cells with a generating capacity of ten kilowatts or less which shall not require such certificate. Any facility with respect to which a certificate is required shall thereafter be built, maintained and operated in conformity with such certificate and any terms, limitations or conditions contained therein. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or title 16a, the council shall, in the exercise of its jurisdiction over the siting of generating facilities, approve by declaratory ruling (1) the construction of a facility solely for the purpose of generating electricity, other than an electric generating facility that uses nuclear materials or coal as fuel, at a site where an electric generating facility operated prior to July 1, 2004, (2) the construction or location of any fuel cell, unless the council finds a substantial adverse environmental effect, or of any customer-side distributed resources project or facility or grid-side distributed resources project or facility with a capacity of not more than sixty-five megawatts, [so] as long as such project meets air quality standards of the Department of Environmental Protection, and (3) the siting of temporary generation solicited by the Department of Public Utility Control pursuant to section 16-19ss, as amended.

Sec. 515. Subsection (c) of section 16-243m of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) On or before February 1, 2006, the department shall conduct a proceeding to develop and issue a request for proposals to solicit the development of long-term projects designed to reduce federally mandated congestion charges for the period commencing on May 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2010, or such later date specified by the department. For purposes of this section, projects shall include (1) customer-side distributed resources, (2) grid-side distributed

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resources, (3) new generation facilities, including expanded or repowered generation, and (4) contracts for a term of no more than fifteen years between a person and an electric distribution company for the purchase of electric capacity rights. Such request for proposals shall encourage responses from a variety of resource types and encourage diversity in the fuel mix used in generation. An electric distribution company may submit proposals pursuant to this subsection on the same basis as other respondents to the solicitation. A proposal submitted by an electric distribution company shall include its full projected costs such that any project costs recovered from or defrayed by ratepayers are included in the projected costs. An electric distribution company submitting a bid under this subsection shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that its bid is not supported in any form of cross subsidization by affiliated entities. If such electric distribution company's proposal is approved pursuant to subsection (g) of this section, the costs and revenues of such proposal shall not be included in calculating such company's earning for purposes of, or in determining whether its rates are just and reasonable under, sections 16-19, 16-19a and 16-19e. Electric distribution companies may under no circumstances recover more than the full costs identified in the proposals, as approved under subsection (g) of this section and consistent with subsection (h) of this section. Affiliates of the electric distribution company may submit proposals consistent with section 16-244h, regulations adopted under [said] section 16-244h and other requirements the department may impose. The department may request from a person submitting a proposal further information [,] that the department determines to be in the public interest [,] to be used in evaluating the proposal. The department shall determine whether costs associated with subsection (l) of this section shall be considered in the evaluation or selection of bids.

Sec. 516. Subdivision (2) of subsection (j) of section 16-244c of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

306 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section

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regarding an alternative transitional standard offer option or an alternative standard service option, an electric distribution company providing transitional standard offer service, standard service, supplier of last resort service or back-up electric generation service in accordance with this section shall, not later than July 1, 2008, file with the Department of Public Utility Control for its approval one or more long-term power purchase contracts from Class I renewable energy source projects that receive funding from the Renewable Energy Investment Fund and that are not less than one megawatt in size, at a price that is either, at the determination of the project owner, [(1)] (A) not more than the total of the comparable wholesale market price for generation plus five and one-half cents per kilowatt hour, or [(2)] (B) fifty per cent of the wholesale market electricity cost at the point at which transmission lines intersect with each other or interface with the distribution system, plus the project cost of fuel indexed to natural gas futures contracts on the New York Mercantile Exchange at the natural gas pipeline interchange located in Vermillion Parish, Louisiana that serves as the delivery point for such futures contracts, plus the fuel delivery charge for transporting fuel to the project, plus five and onehalf cents per kilowatt hour. In its approval of such contracts, the department shall give preference to purchase contracts from those projects that would provide a financial benefit to ratepayers or would enhance the reliability of the electric transmission system of the state. Such projects shall be located in this state. The owner of a fuel cell project principally manufactured in this state shall be allocated all available air emissions credits and tax credits attributable to the project and no less than fifty per cent of the energy credits in the Class I renewable energy credits program established in section 16-245a, as amended, attributable to the project. Such contracts shall be comprised of not less than a total, apportioned among each electric distribution company, of one hundred megawatts. The cost of such contracts and the administrative costs for the procurement of such contracts directly incurred shall be eligible for inclusion in the adjustment to the transitional standard offer as provided in this section and any subsequent rates for standard service, provided such contracts are for a

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period of time sufficient to provide financing for such projects, but not less than ten years, and are for projects which began operation on or after July 1, 2003. Except as provided in this subdivision, the amount from Class I renewable energy sources contracted under such contracts shall be applied to reduce the applicable Class I renewable energy source portfolio standards. For purposes of this subdivision, the department's determination of the comparable wholesale market price for generation shall be based upon a reasonable estimate.

- Sec. 517. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 16-244e of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (6) Once unbundling is completed to the satisfaction of the department and consistent with the provisions of section 16-244, (A) any corporate affiliate or separate division that provides electric generation services as a result of unbundling pursuant to this subsection shall be considered a generation entity or affiliate of the electric company, and the division or corporate affiliate of the electric company that provides transmission and distribution services shall be considered an electric distribution company, and (B) an electric distribution company shall not own or operate generation assets, except as provided in [subsection (e) of] this section and section 16-243m.
- Sec. 518. Subsection (a) of section 16-245d of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (a) The Department of Public Utility Control shall, by regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54, develop a standard billing format that enables customers to compare pricing policies and charges among electric suppliers. Not later than January 1, 2006, the department shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to provide that an electric supplier may provide direct billing and collection services for electric generation services and related federally

mandated congestion charges that such supplier provides to its customers that have a maximum demand of not less than one hundred kilowatts and that choose to receive a bill directly from such supplier. An electric company, electric distribution company or electric supplier that provides direct billing of the electric generation service component and related federally mandated congestion charges, as the case may be, shall, in accordance with the billing format developed by the department, include the following information in each customer's bill, as appropriate: (1) The total amount owed by the customer, which shall be itemized to show, (A) the electric generation services component and any additional charges imposed by the electric supplier, if applicable, (B) the distribution charge, including all applicable taxes and the systems benefits charge, as provided in section 16-245l, as amended, (C) the transmission rate as adjusted pursuant to subsection (d) of section 16-19b, as amended, (D) the competitive transition assessment, as provided in section 16-245g, (E) federally mandated congestion charges, and (F) the conservation and renewable energy charge, consisting of the conservation and load management program charge, as provided in section 16-245m, as amended, and the renewable energy investment charge, as provided in section 16-245n, as amended; (2) any unpaid amounts from previous bills which shall be listed separately from current charges; (3) except for customers subject to a demand charge, the rate and usage for the current month and each of the previous twelve months in the form of a bar graph or other visual form; (4) the payment due date; (5) the interest rate applicable to any unpaid amount; (6) the toll-free telephone number of the electric distribution company to report power losses; (7) the toll-free telephone number of the Department of Public Utility Control for questions or complaints; (8) the toll-free telephone number and address of the electric supplier; and (9) a statement about the availability of information concerning electric suppliers pursuant to section 16-245p, as amended.

Sec. 519. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 16a-23t of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following

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- is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 409 (2) The secretary, in the performance of the secretary's duties, may
 410 summon and examine, under oath, such witnesses, and may direct the
 411 production of, and examine or cause to be produced and examined,
 412 such books, records, vouchers, memoranda, documents, letters,
 413 contracts or other papers in relation to the affairs of any home heating
 414 oil seller or distributor at the wholesale or retail level operating in the
 415 state as [it] the secretary may find advisable.
- Sec. 520. Section 17a-90 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall have general supervision over the welfare of children who require the care and protection of the state.
- 421 (b) [He] The Commissioner of Children and Families shall furnish 422 protective services or provide and pay, wholly or in part, for the care 423 and protection of children other than those committed by the Superior 424 Court whom [he] the commissioner finds in need of such care and 425 protection from the state, and such payments shall be made in 426 accordance with the provisions of subsection [(k)] (l) of section 46b-427 129, provided the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall be 428 responsible for billing and collecting such sums as are determined to 429 be owing and due from the parent of the noncommitted child in 430 accordance with section 4a-12 and subsection (b) of section 17b-223.
- (c) [He] <u>The Commissioner of Children and Families</u> shall [issue] adopt such regulations as [he] <u>the commissioner</u> may find necessary and proper to assure the adequate care, health and safety of children under [his] <u>the commissioner's</u> care and general supervision.
- (d) [He] <u>The Commissioner of Children and Families</u> may provide temporary emergency care for any child whom [he] <u>the commissioner</u> deems to be in need thereof.

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438 (e) [He] The Commissioner of Children and Families may provide 439 care for children in [his] the commissioner's guardianship through the 440 resources of appropriate voluntary agencies.

- 441 (f) Whenever requested to do so by the Superior Court, [he] the Commissioner of Children and Families shall provide protective 442 443 supervision to children.
- 444 (g) [He] The Commissioner of Children and Families may make 445 reciprocal agreements with other states and with agencies outside the 446 state in matters relating to the supervision of the welfare of children.
- 447 Sec. 521. Subsection (f) of section 17b-261 of the 2006 supplement to 448 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 449 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 450 (f) To the extent permitted by federal law, Medicaid eligibility shall be extended for one year to a family that becomes ineligible for 452 medical assistance under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act due to 453 income from employment by one of its members who is a caretaker 454 relative [is employed] or due to receipt of child support income. A 455 family receiving extended benefits on July 1, 2005, shall receive the 456 balance of such extended benefits, provided no such family shall 457 receive more than twelve additional months of such benefits.
- 458 Sec. 522. Subsection (f) of section 17b-360 of the 2006 supplement to 459 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 460 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 461 (f) In the case of a resident with mental retardation or a related 462 condition who is determined under subsection (d) of this section not to 463 require the level of services provided by a nursing facility but to 464 require specialized services for mental retardation or [the] a related 465 condition and who has not continuously resided in a nursing facility 466 for at least thirty months before the date of the determination, the 467 nursing facility, in consultation with the Department of Mental 468 Retardation, shall arrange for the safe and orderly discharge of the

469 resident from the facility. If the department determines that the 470 provision of specialized services requires an alternative residential 471 placement, the discharge and transfer of the patient shall be in 472 accordance with the alternative disposition plan submitted by the 473 Department of Social Services and approved by the Secretary of the 474 United States Department of Health and Human Services, except if an 475 alternative residential facility is not available, the resident shall not be 476 transferred.

- Sec. 523. Subdivision (4) of section 17b-450 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 480 (4) The term "protective services" means services provided by the 481 state or other governmental or private organizations or individuals 482 which are necessary to prevent abuse, neglect, exploitation or 483 abandonment. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, the wilful 484 infliction of physical pain, injury or mental anguish, or the wilful 485 deprivation by a caretaker of services which are necessary to maintain 486 physical and mental health. Neglect refers to an elderly person who is 487 either living alone and not able to provide for [oneself] himself or 488 herself the services which are necessary to maintain physical and 489 mental health or is not receiving [the said] <u>such</u> necessary services 490 from the responsible caretaker. Exploitation refers to the act or process 491 of taking advantage of an elderly person by another person or 492 caretaker whether for monetary, personal or other benefit, gain or 493 profit. Abandonment refers to the desertion or wilful forsaking of an 494 elderly person by a caretaker or the foregoing of duties or the 495 withdrawal or neglect of duties and obligations owed an elderly 496 person by a caretaker or other person.
- Sec. 524. Section 19a-25c of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- A health care institution licensed by the Department of Public

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Health pursuant to chapter 368v may create, maintain or utilize medical records or a medical records system in electronic format, paper format or both, provided such records or system [are] is designed to store medical records or patient health information in a medium that is reproducible and secure.

Sec. 525. Subsection (k) of section 19a-265 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(k) If the court, at such hearing, finds by clear and convincing evidence that the director of health has met [his] the burden of proof [as] set forth in subsection (j) of this section, [it] the court shall: (1) In the case of examination orders: (A) Order such person to be examined; or (B) enter an order with such terms and conditions as [it] the court deems appropriate to protect the public health in the manner least restrictive of the individual's liberty and privacy; (2) in the case of a continuation of an emergency commitment issued pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section, (A) enter an order, authorizing the continued commitment of such person only for [so] as long as the person remains infectious and poses a risk of transmission to others, or (B) enter an order with such terms and conditions as [it] the court deems appropriate to protect the public health in the manner least restrictive of the individual's liberty and privacy; and (3) in the case of a petition for a commitment order for treatment issued pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of this section, (A) order the continued commitment, but only for [so] as long as is necessary to complete the prescribed course of treatment or to demonstrate adherence to treatment, or (B) enter an order with such terms and conditions as [it] the court deems appropriate to protect the public health in the manner least restrictive of the individual's liberty and privacy. If the court, at such hearing, finds that the director of health has failed to meet [his] such burden of proof, [it] the court shall enter no orders, provided, if the person has been subject to an emergency commitment, [it] the court shall order a release from such commitment.

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Sec. 526. Subsection (a) of section 19a-639 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

- (a) Except as provided in sections 19a-639a to 19a-639c, inclusive, as amended, each health care facility or institution, including, but not limited to, any inpatient rehabilitation facility, any health care facility or institution or any state health care facility or institution proposing (1) a capital expenditure exceeding one million dollars, (2) to purchase, lease or accept donation of major medical equipment requiring a capital expenditure, as defined in regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-643, as amended, in excess of four hundred thousand dollars, or (3) to purchase, lease or accept donation of a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner [,] or MRI scanner, cineangiography equipment, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment utilizing technology that is new or being introduced into this state, including the purchase, lease or donation of equipment or a facility, shall submit a request for approval of such expenditure to the office, with such data, information and plans as the office requires in advance of the proposed initiation date of such project.
- Sec. 527. Subsection (c) of section 19a-639 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (c) Each person or provider, other than a health care or state health care facility or institution subject to subsection (a) of this section, proposing to purchase, lease, accept donation of or replace (1) major medical equipment with a capital expenditure in excess of four hundred thousand dollars, or (2) a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner [,] or MRI scanner, cineangiography equipment, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment utilizing technology that is new or being introduced into the state, shall submit a request for approval of any such purchase, lease, donation or replacement pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section. In determining the capital cost or expenditure for an application under this section or section 19a-

568 638, as amended, the office shall use the greater of (A) the fair market 569 value of the equipment as if it were to be used for full-time operation, 570 whether or not the equipment is to be used, shared or rented on a part-571 time basis, or (B) the total value or estimated value determined by the 572 office of any capitalized lease computed for a three-year period. Each 573 method shall include the costs of any service or financing agreements 574 plus any other cost components or items the office specifies in 575 regulations, adopted in accordance with chapter 54, or deems 576 appropriate.

- Sec. 528. Section 19a-639c of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- Notwithstanding the provisions of section 19a-638, as amended, or section 19a-639, as amended, the office may waive the requirements of [those] said sections and grant a certificate of need to any health care facility or institution or provider or any state health care facility or institution or provider proposing to replace major medical equipment, a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner [,] or MRI scanner, cineangiography equipment or a linear accelerator if:
- 587 (1) The health care facility or institution or provider has previously obtained a certificate of need for the equipment to be replaced;
 - (2) The replacement value or expenditure for the replacement equipment is not more than the original cost plus an increase of ten per cent for each twelve-month period that has elapsed since the date of the original certificate of need; and
- 593 (3) The replacement value or expenditure is less than two million dollars.
- Sec. 529. Subsection (c) of section 20-7a of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(c) Each practitioner of the healing arts who (1) has an ownership or investment interest in an entity that provides diagnostic or therapeutic services, or (2) receives compensation or remuneration for referral of [such patient] patients to an entity that provides diagnostic or therapeutic services shall disclose such interest to any patient prior to referring such patient to such entity for diagnostic or therapeutic services and provide reasonable referral alternatives. Such information shall be verbally disclosed to each patient or shall be posted in a conspicuous place visible to patients in the practitioner's office. The posted information shall list the therapeutic and diagnostic services in which the practitioner has an ownership or investment interest and therapeutic and diagnostic services from which the practitioner receives compensation or remuneration for referrals and state that alternate referrals will be made upon request. Therapeutic services include physical therapy, radiation therapy, intravenous therapy and rehabilitation services including physical therapy, occupational therapy or speech and language pathology, or any combination of such therapeutic services. This subsection shall not apply to in-office ancillary services. As used in this subsection, "ownership or investment interest" does not include ownership of investment securities that are purchased by the practitioner on terms available to the general public and [that] are publicly traded; and "entity that provides diagnostic or therapeutic services" includes services provided by an entity that is within a hospital but [that] is not owned by the hospital. Violation of this subsection constitutes conduct subject to disciplinary action under subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 19a-17.

- Sec. 530. Subsection (a) of section 20-12d of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 628 (a) A physician assistant who has complied with the provisions of 629 sections 20-12b and 20-12c, as amended, may perform medical 630 functions delegated by a supervising physician when: (1) The 631 supervising physician is satisfied as to the ability and competency of

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the physician assistant; (2) such delegation is consistent with the health and welfare of the patient and in keeping with sound medical practice; and (3) [when] such functions are performed under the oversight, control and direction of the supervising physician. The functions that may be performed under such delegation are those that are within the scope of the supervising physician's license, within the scope of such physician's competence as evidenced by such physician's postgraduate education, training and experience and within the normal scope of such physician's actual practice. Delegated functions shall be implemented in accordance with written protocols established by the supervising physician. All orders written by physician assistants shall be followed by the signature of the physician assistant and the printed name of the supervising physician. A physician assistant may, as delegated by the supervising physician within the scope of such physician's license, (A) prescribe and administer drugs, including controlled substances in schedule IV or V in all settings, (B) renew prescriptions for controlled substances in schedule II, III, IV or V in all settings, and (C) prescribe and administer controlled substances in schedule II or III in all settings, provided in all cases where the physician assistant prescribes a controlled substance in schedule II or III, the physician under whose supervision the physician assistant is prescribing shall document such physician's approval of the order in the patient's medical record not later than one calendar day thereafter. The physician assistant may, as delegated by the supervising physician within the scope of such physician's license, request, sign for, receive and dispense drugs to patients, in the form of professional samples, as defined in section 20-14c, or when dispensing in an outpatient clinic as defined in the regulations of Connecticut state agencies and licensed pursuant to subsection (a) of section 19a-491, as amended, that operates on a not-for-profit basis, or when dispensing in a clinic operated by a state agency or municipality. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow the physician assistant to request, sign for, receive or dispense any drug the physician assistant is not authorized under this subsection to prescribe.

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666 Sec. 531. Subdivision (5) of section 20-126c of the 2006 supplement 667 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in 668 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

- (5) "Registration period" means the one-year period for which a 669 670 license renewed in accordance with section 19a-88, as amended, [and] 671 is current and valid.
- 672 Sec. 532. Subsection (a) of section 20-138a of the 2006 supplement to 673 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 674 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (a) No person shall engage in the practice of optometry in this state unless such person has first obtained a license from the Department of Public Health, but the provisions of this chapter shall not prevent a licensed optometrist from delegating optometric services to either a trained optometric assistant or to an optometric technician. Such delegated services shall be performed only under the supervision, control, and responsibility of the licensed optometrist, except that optometric assistants or optometric technicians shall not be authorized to refract eyes, detect eye health [,] or prescribe spectacles, eyeglasses or contact lenses. A licensed optometrist may delegate to an optometric assistant, optometric technician or appropriately trained person the use and application of any ocular agent, provided such 687 delegated service is performed only under the supervision, control and responsibility of the licensed optometrist. Optometric services that may be delegated to an optometric assistant or to an optometric technician may be delegated to an optometric assistant trainee, provided such services are performed only under the direct supervision, control and responsibility of the employing licensed optometrist.
- 694 Sec. 533. Section 20-230c of the 2006 supplement to the general 695 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof 696 (*Effective from passage*):
- 697 If the person who has custody and control of the remains of a

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deceased person pursuant to section 45a-318, as amended, requests the disposal of the deceased person's body by cremation or if the deceased person had executed a cremation authorization [form] document in accordance with the provisions of [said] section 45a-318, as amended, the funeral director shall complete a written form containing the following information: (1) The name and address of the funeral service business that is responsible for the disposal of the deceased person's body; (2) the name of the deceased person; (3) the place and time of the cremation; (4) the name of the licensed funeral director or embalmer; (5) the name and address of the person who has custody and control of the remains of the deceased person; (6) a summary of the disposition, in accordance with section 20-230d, of the cremated remains, if unclaimed; and (7) a statement indicating the disposition of the cremated remains requested by the person who has custody and control of the remains of the deceased <u>person</u> or a statement indicating that the deceased person had executed a cremation authorization [form] document in accordance with the provisions of section 45a-318, as amended. The written form shall be signed and dated by the person who has custody and control of the remains of the deceased person and by the funeral director. A copy of the signed form shall be provided to the person who has custody and control of the remains of the deceased person. The original signed form shall be retained at the funeral service business for not less than twenty years from the date on which [it was] such form is signed by the person who has custody and control of the remains of the deceased person.

Sec. 534. Section 20-281b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Persons and firms who, prior to October 1, 1992, were authorized to practice as public accountants and hold licenses and permits to practice public accountancy issued pursuant to [sections 20-279 to 20-287, inclusive,] this chapter prior to October 1, 1992, shall be entitled to have their licenses and permits to practice renewed under sections 20-281d, as amended, and 20-281e, provided they fulfill all requirements for renewal under [those] such provisions. [So] As long as such

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732 licensees hold valid licenses and permits to practice under sections 20-

- 733 281d, as amended, and 20-281e, they shall be entitled to engage in the
- practice of public accountancy to the same extent as other holders of
- 735 such permits, and in addition they shall be entitled to use the
- designations "public accountants" and "PA", but no other designation,
- in connection with the practice of public accountancy.
- 738 Sec. 535. Subdivision (3) of section 20-408 of the 2006 supplement to
- 739 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 740 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 741 (3) "The practice of audiology" means the application of principles,
- 742 methods and procedures of measurement, testing, appraisal
- 743 prediction, consultation [,] and counseling and the determination and
- 744 use of appropriate amplification related to hearing and disorders of
- hearing, including the fitting or selling of hearing aids, for the purpose
- 746 of modifying communicative disorders involving speech, language,
- auditory function or other aberrant behavior related to hearing loss.
- Sec. 536. Subsection (a) of section 21-35c of the general statutes is
- 749 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 750 passage):
- 751 (a) All state licenses issued under this chapter shall expire ninety
- days from the date thereof or on the termination date designated in the
- original application, whichever occurs first. Each state license upon
- 754 expiration, or voluntary surrender prior to expiration, shall be
- 755 returned to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection who shall
- cancel the same, endorse the date of delivery and cancellation thereon
- and place the same on file. [He] <u>The commissioner</u> shall then hold the
- special deposit of each such licensee for [the] <u>a</u> period of sixty days
- and, after satisfying all claims made upon the same under this section,
- shall return such deposit or such portion of the same, if any, as may remain in [his] the commissioner's hands to the licensee depositing it,
- or as directed by the licensee in the original application. Each deposit
- 763 made with the commissioner shall be subject, [so] <u>as</u> long as it remains

in [his] the commissioner's hands, to attachment or execution [in] on behalf of creditors or consumers whose claims may arise in connection with business done under the authorized sale. Said commissioner may also be held to answer as garnishee under process of foreign attachment, where such process is used, in any civil action brought against any licensee. [He] The commissioner shall pay over, under order of court or upon execution of a judgment, such sum of money as [he] the commissioner may be chargeable with upon [his] the commissioner's disclosure or otherwise. Such deposit shall not be paid over by said commissioner on garnishee process or to such licensee until the expiration of [sixty days] the sixty-day period specified in this section. Such deposit shall also be subject to the payment of any fine or penalty imposed on the licensee for violation of any provision of this chapter, [;] provided written notice of the name of such licensee and of the amount of such fine or penalty shall be given during [said] such period to the commissioner by the clerk of the court in which such fine or penalty was imposed.

Sec. 537. Subsection (a) of section 21a-278 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Any person who manufactures, distributes, sells, prescribes, dispenses, compounds, transports with the intent to sell or dispense, possesses with the intent to sell or dispense, offers, gives or administers to another person one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures or substances containing an aggregate weight of one ounce or more of heroin or methadone or an aggregate weight of one-half ounce or more of cocaine or one-half ounce or more of cocaine in a free-base form, or a substance containing five milligrams or more of lysergic acid diethylamide, except as authorized in this chapter, and who is not, at the time of such action, a drug-dependent person, shall be imprisoned for a minimum term of not less than five years [nor] or more than twenty years; and, a maximum term of life imprisonment. The execution of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed by the provisions of this subsection shall not be suspended, except the court

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may suspend the execution of such mandatory minimum sentence if at the time of the commission of the offense (1) such person was under the age of eighteen years, or (2) such person's mental capacity was significantly impaired, but not so impaired as to constitute a defense to prosecution.

Sec. 538. Section 22-231 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Agriculture may refuse to grant or renew a license, or may suspend, revoke or refuse to transfer a license already granted, after the commissioner has determined that the applicant or dealer: (1) Has failed to comply, or has been a responsible member or officer of a partnership or corporation which failed to comply, with any provision of this part or any order, ruling, regulation or direction issued hereunder; (2) has insufficient financial responsibility, personnel or equipment to properly to conduct the milk business; (3) is a person, partnership, corporation or other business entity, in which any individual holding a material position, interest or power of control has previously been responsible in whole or in part for any act on account of which a license was or may be denied, suspended or revoked under the provisions of this part; (4) has failed to file a bond required by the commissioner under the provisions of this part; (5) if located out of the state, has failed to obtain a satisfactory milk sanitation compliance rating from a certified state milk sanitation rating officer or is not in compliance with all laws and regulations of the state pertaining to health and sanitation in the production, processing, handling or sale of milk; (6) has rejected, without reasonable cause, any milk purchased from a producer, or has refused to accept, without either reasonable cause or reasonable advance notice, milk delivered by or on behalf of a producer in ordinary continuance of a previous course of dealing, except when the contract has been lawfully terminated; provided, in the absence of an express or implied fixing of a period in the contract, "reasonable advance notice" shall be construed to mean not less than one week [nor] or more than

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two weeks; (7) has continued in a course of dealing of such nature as to show an intent to deceive, defraud or impose upon producers or consumers; (8) has violated any stipulation or written agreement entered into with the commissioner in the course of any proceeding under this part; (9) has made a false material statement in his <u>or her</u> application; or (10) has failed to provide information required under this chapter.

- Sec. 539. Subsection (b) of section 22a-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 842 (b) In any administrative, licensing or other proceeding, the agency 843 shall consider the alleged unreasonable pollution, impairment or 844 destruction of the public trust in the air, water or other natural 845 resources of the state and no conduct shall be authorized or approved 846 which does, or is reasonably likely to, have such effect [so] as long as, 847 considering all relevant surrounding circumstances and factors, there 848 is a feasible and prudent alternative consistent with the reasonable 849 requirements of the public health, safety and welfare.
- Sec. 540. Section 22a-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Sections 22a-14 to 22a-20, inclusive, shall be supplementary to existing administrative and regulatory procedures provided by law and in any action maintained under said sections, the court may remand the parties to such procedures. Nothing in this section shall prevent the granting of interim equitable relief where required and for [so] as long as is necessary to protect the rights recognized herein. Any person entitled to maintain an action under said sections may intervene as a party in all such procedures. Nothing herein shall prevent the maintenance of an action, as provided in said sections, to protect the rights recognized herein, where existing administrative and regulatory procedures are found by the court to be inadequate for the protection of the rights. At the initiation of any person entitled to

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maintain an action under said sections, such procedures shall be reviewable in a court of competent jurisdiction to the extent necessary to protect the rights recognized herein. In any judicial review, the court shall be bound by the provisions, standards and procedures of said sections and may order that additional evidence be taken with respect to the environmental issues involved.

Sec. 541. Section 22a-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

With respect to the state of Connecticut and [so] as long as the Interstate Environmental Commission shall be engaged in a program relating to air pollution on behalf of the state of New York or the states of New York and New Jersey, the Interstate Environmental Commission shall, in addition to its other powers, duties and functions, have authority, in accordance with Article III of the tri-state compact set forth in section 22a-294, to engage in activities with respect to interstate air pollution problems between or among the states of Connecticut and New York or Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, as the case may be, as follows: (1) To conduct studies; (2) to undertake research, testing and development; (3) to gather, exchange and disseminate information with and among public or private bodies, persons or organizations and to cooperate with any of them in solving air pollution problems; (4) to take samplings and to trace sources of air pollutants; (5) to refer complaints to an appropriate enforcement agency or agencies of the states in which the sources are located and to which air pollutants are carried, along with such data and information as it may have obtained with respect to the nature, characteristics, source, path and effect of air pollutants; (6) to make recommendations and reports to the governors and legislatures of the participating states. The primary effort of the Interstate Environmental Commission under this section shall be directed to air contaminant solids, liquids or gases which are toxic, disagreeable or irritant, or which are destructive. In carrying out its functions under this section, the Interstate Environmental Commission shall make use of the services, facilities and information of existing state, local and federal agencies wherever

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feasible and available. In furtherance of the purposes of this section, the Interstate Environmental Commission is empowered to accept moneys, property and other donations or gifts from any person whatever, whether public, private or governmental, real or artificial. No trade secret or secret process shall be inquired into by the Interstate Environmental Commission under this section, whether with respect to one or more of the substances or one or more of the processes, operations, techniques or devices used in connection therewith, and whenever a trade secret or secret process is involved, the activity under this section shall be limited to the identification of the device or facility from which the effluent discharged into the outer air derives, and the nature, rate and period of emission of such effluent. All information obtained from any sampling, tracing or other specific inquiry performed under this section shall be kept and maintained as a confidential disclosure and, except as may be essential for the purpose of referring a complaint to an appropriate enforcement agency and of any enforcement proceeding by or before any such agency, shall not be disclosed or published in any way other than such as will not identify a given substance, process, operation, technique or device with the physical location or identity of the source plant or facility, or with the product made or service performed, or with the person or persons using the same. A printed copy of the provisions of this section shall be furnished on request to any person furnishing information to the Interstate Environmental Commission and, in case of an inquiry at a plant or facility, to the person then in charge of the same.

Sec. 542. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 22a-449c of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(2) Any person who at any time receives or expects to receive payment or reimbursement from any source other than the account for any cost, expense, obligation, damage or injury for which such person has received or has applied for payment or reimbursement from the account, shall notify the board, in writing, of such supplemental or expected payment and shall, not more than thirty days after receiving

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- Sec. 543. Subsection (b) of section 22a-449f of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 938 (b) (1) In addition to all other applicable requirements, a person 939 seeking payment or reimbursement from the account shall 940 demonstrate that when the total costs, expenses or other obligations in 941 response to a release or suspected release (A) are two hundred fifty 942 thousand dollars or less, that all labor, equipment and materials 943 provided after October 1, 2005, and all services and activities 944 undertaken after October 1, 2005, shall be approved, in writing, either 945 by the commissioner or by a licensed environmental professional with 946 a currently valid and effective license issued pursuant to section 22a-947 133v; and (B) [exceeds] exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars, 948 that all labor, equipment and materials provided after October 1, 2005, 949 and all services and activities undertaken after October 1, 2005, shall be 950 approved, in writing, by the commissioner or that the commissioner 951 has authorized, in writing, an environmental professional with a 952 currently valid and effective license issued pursuant to section 22a-953 133v to approve, in writing, such labor, equipment, materials, services 954 and activities, in lieu of a written approval by the commissioner. The 955 provisions of this subsection shall apply to all costs, expenses or other 956 obligations for which a person is seeking payment or reimbursement 957 from the account and the board shall not order and the commissioner 958 shall not make payment or reimbursement from the account for any 959 cost, expense or other obligation, unless the person seeking such 960 payment or reimbursement includes with an application or with a 961 request for payment or reimbursement all written approvals required 962 by this subdivision.
- 963 (2) The fees charged by a licensed environmental professional 964 regarding labor or services rendered in response to a release or

suspected release may be included in any application or request for payment or reimbursement submitted to the board. The amount to be paid or reimbursed from the account for such fees may also be established in the schedule adopted by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (b) of section 22a-449e, as amended.

- (3) Providing it is true and accurate, a licensed environmental professional shall submit the following certification regarding any approval provided under subdivision (1) of this subsection and section 22a-449p: "I hereby agree that all of the labor, equipment, materials, services, and activities described in or covered by this certification [was] were appropriate under the circumstances to abate an emergency or [was] were performed as part of a plan specifically designed to ensure that the release or suspected release is or has been investigated in accordance with prevailing standards and guidelines and remediated consistent with and to achieve compliance with the remediation standards adopted under section 22a-133k of the general statutes."
- Sec. 544. Section 22a-449p of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - Notwithstanding any provision of sections 22a-449a to 22a-449i, inclusive, as amended, or any regulation adopted pursuant to said sections, except as provided for in subdivision (6) of this section, with respect to the investigation and remediation of a release, the underground storage tank <u>petroleum</u> clean-up account established pursuant to section 22a-449c, as amended, shall be used to provide payment or reimbursement only when any of the following milestones are completed:
 - (1) A release response report prepared by an environmental professional, as defined in section 22a-133v, has been submitted to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection which report describes:

 (A) All initial response actions taken that are necessary to prevent an

on-going release and to mitigate an explosion, fire or other safety hazard resulting from the release; [,] (B) the results of an initial site investigation that determines the presence and extent of free product from the release, the potential for or existence of groundwater pollution from the release which threatens the quality of drinking water well or wells, and whether the release has resulted in soil vapors or indoor air that threatens public health; [,] and (C) all interim actions taken and proposed to remove such free product to the extent technically practicable, to provide potable water to any person whose drinking water has been polluted by a substance from the release which is above the groundwater protection criteria or above a level determined by the Commissioner of Public Health to be an unacceptable risk of injury to the health or safety of persons using such groundwater as a public or private source of water for drinking or other personal or domestic uses, whichever is more stringent, and to mitigate any risk to public health from polluted soil vapor or indoor air resulting from the release.

- (2) An interim remedial action report approved, in writing, by a licensed environmental professional has been submitted to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or an interim remedial action report has been approved, in writing, by the commissioner. Such interim remedial action report shall describe in detail all interim remedial action taken to: (A) Remove free product to the maximum extent technically practicable; (B) ensure that all persons whose drinking water was polluted by the release have been provided potable water; and (C) ensure that soil vapors which pose a risk to public health are prevented from migrating into any overlying buildings.
- (3) An investigation report and remedial action plan approved, in writing, by a licensed environmental professional has been submitted to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or an investigation report and remedial action plan has been approved, in writing, by the commissioner. Such investigation report and remedial action plan shall include a detailed description of an investigation which determines the

existing and potential extent and degree of soil, surface water, soil vapor and groundwater pollution, on and off-site, resulting from the release and describes all actions proposed to remediate soil, surface water, air or groundwater polluted by the release in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to section 22a-133k.

- (4) A soil remedial action report approved, in writing, by a licensed environmental professional has been submitted to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or a soil remedial action report has been approved, in writing, by the commissioner. Such soil remedial action report shall describe in detail the extent of soil pollution resulting from the release, all remedial actions taken to abate such soil pollution, and all documentation that demonstrates that such soil pollution has been remediated in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to section 22a-133k.
- (5) A groundwater remedial action progress report approved, in writing, by a licensed environmental professional has been submitted to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or a groundwater remedial action progress report has been approved, in writing, by the commissioner. Such report may only be submitted after all construction necessary to implement the approved groundwater remedial actions [have] has been completed and [that] the groundwater remedial actions have been operated and monitored for one year. Such report shall include a detailed description of the remedial actions, the results of groundwater or any other monitoring conducted, an analysis of whether the remedial actions are effective, and a proposal for any changes in the groundwater remedial actions and monitoring that may be necessary to achieve compliance with the regulations adopted pursuant to section 22a-133k.
- (6) An annual groundwater remedial action progress report approved, in writing, by a licensed environmental professional has been submitted to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or approved, in writing, by the commissioner. Such report shall include a detailed description of the remedial actions, the results of groundwater

1064 or any other monitoring conducted for the year covered by the report, 1065 an analysis of whether the remedial actions are effective, and a 1066 proposal for any changes in the groundwater remedial actions and 1067 monitoring that may be necessary to achieve compliance with the 1068 regulations adopted pursuant to section 22a-133k. A responsible party 1069 [of] <u>pursuant to</u> section 22a-449f, as amended, may submit to the board 1070 up to, but not more than, four separate applications or requests for payment or reimbursement in a calendar year regarding costs, 1072 expenses or obligations paid or incurred concerning annual 1073 groundwater monitoring or compliance with this subdivision.

- (7) A final remedial action report approved by a licensed environmental professional has been submitted to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or a final remedial action report has been approved, in writing, by the commissioner, that documents that the release has been investigated in accordance with prevailing standards and guidelines and that the soil, surface water, groundwater and air polluted by the release has been remediated in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to section 22a-133k.
- (8) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing milestones for investigation and remediation of releases or suspected releases from underground storage tank systems, including milestones that differ from those set forth in this section. Upon the adoption of such regulations, the milestones for investigation and remediation for which payment or reimbursement is available from the account shall be those set forth in the regulations.
- (9) This section shall apply to an application or request for reimbursement or payment received by the board on or after October 1, 2005, regardless of when the release or suspected release occurred, whether actions in response to the release or suspected release have already occurred or whether prior applications or requests seeking payment or reimbursement have already been submitted to the board.

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Sec. 545. Subsection (f) of section 22a-500 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

- (f) Any authority and its corporate existence shall continue until terminated by law or the withdrawal of one of the last two constituent municipalities of such authority, provided no such law shall take effect [so] <u>as</u> long as the authority shall have bonds, notes or other obligations outstanding unless adequate provision has been made for the payment or satisfaction of such obligations. Upon termination of the existence of the authority, all of the rights and properties of the authority then remaining shall pass to and vest in the constituent municipality in which it is located unless otherwise provided in an agreement of the authority and except as otherwise may be specified in such law.
- Sec. 546. Section 31-92a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1112 (a) Each public member of the Board of Mediation and Arbitration, 1113 including alternates, shall be sworn once at the beginning of [his] such 1114 member's term of office (1) to support the Constitution of the United 1115 States, and the Constitution of the state of Connecticut, [so] as long as 1116 [he] such member continues to be a citizen thereof, (2) to faithfully 1117 discharge, according to law, the duties of the office of member of the 1118 Board of Mediation and Arbitration for the state of Connecticut to the 1119 best of [his] such member's abilities, (3) to hear and examine all matters in controversy which come before [him] such member during 1120 1121 [his] such member's term faithfully and fairly, and (4) to make a just 1122 award according to the best of [his] such member's understanding. 1123 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 52-414, the 1124 taking of this oath shall cover all matters heard during the term and 1125 the completion of any matter pending at the expiration of such term.
- 1126 (b) Each member of the Board of Mediation and Arbitration 1127 representing the interests of employees or employers, including

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1128 alternate members, shall be sworn once at the beginning of [his] such 1129 member's term of office (1) to support the Constitution of the United 1130 States, and the Constitution of the state of Connecticut, [so] as long as 1131 [he] such member continues to be a citizen thereof, (2) to faithfully 1132 discharge, according to law, the duties of the office of member of the 1133 Board of Mediation and Arbitration for the state of Connecticut to the 1134 best of [his] such member's abilities, (3) to represent the interests of 1135 employees or employers respectively in hearing and examining all 1136 matters in controversy, and (4) to make a just award according to the 1137 best of [his] such member's understanding. Notwithstanding the 1138 provisions of subsection (d) of section 52-414, the taking of this oath 1139 shall cover all matters heard during the term and the completion of 1140 any matter pending at the expiration of such term.

Sec. 547. Subsection (e) of section 31-372 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(e) Any employer may apply to the commissioner for a temporary order granting a variance from a standard or any provision thereof promulgated under this section. Such temporary order shall be granted only if the employer files an application which meets the requirements of subsection (f) of this section and establishes that the employer (1) [he] is unable to comply with a standard by its effective date because of unavailability of professional or technical personnel or of materials and equipment needed to come into compliance with the standard or because necessary construction or alteration of facilities cannot be completed by the effective date, (2) [he] is taking all available steps to safeguard employees against the hazards covered by the standard, and (3) [he] has an effective program for coming into compliance with the standard as quickly as practicable. Any temporary order issued under this subsection shall prescribe the practices, means, methods, operations, and processes which the employer must adopt and use while the order is in effect and state in detail [his] the employer's program for coming into compliance with the standard. Such a temporary order may be granted only after notice to employees

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and an opportunity for a hearing, provided the commissioner may 1162 1163 issue one interim order to be effective until a decision is made on the 1164 basis of the hearing. No temporary order may be in effect for longer 1165 than the period needed by the employer to achieve compliance with 1166 the standard or one year, whichever is shorter, except that such an 1167 order may be renewed not more than twice [so] as long as the 1168 requirements of this subsection are met and if an application for 1169 renewal is filed at least ninety days prior to the expiration date of the 1170 order. No interim renewal of an order may remain in effect longer than 1171 one hundred eighty days.

Sec. 548. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (12) of section 32-1m of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(B) A production and preservation analysis, including [the] (i) the total number of units created, itemized by municipality for the total portfolio and projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) the total number of elderly units created for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) the total number of family units created for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) the total number of units preserved, itemized by municipality for the total portfolio and projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (v) the total number of elderly units preserved for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (vi) the total number of family units preserved for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (vii) an analysis by income group, of households served by the department's housing construction, substantial rehabilitation, purchase and rental assistance programs, for each housing development, if applicable, and for each program, including number of households served under each program by race and data for all households, and (viii) a summary of the department's efforts in promoting fair housing choice and racial and economic

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integration, including data on the racial composition of the occupants and persons on the waiting list of each housing project that is assisted under any housing program established by the general statutes or a special act or that is supervised by the department, provided no information shall be required to be disclosed by any occupant or person on a waiting list for the preparation of such summary. As used in this subparagraph, "elderly units" means dwelling units for which occupancy is restricted by age, and "family units" means dwelling units for which occupancy is not restricted by age.

- Sec. 549. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 33-1083 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (b) (1) The certificate of incorporation or, subject to the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection, the bylaws, may provide that persons occupying certain positions within or without the corporation shall be ex-officio directors, but, unless otherwise provided in the certificate of incorporation or bylaws, such ex-officio directors shall not be counted in determining a quorum nor shall they be entitled to a vote. An ex-officio director shall continue to be a director [so] <u>as</u> long as he <u>or she</u> continues to hold the office from which his <u>or her</u> ex-officio status derives, and shall cease to be an ex-officio director immediately and automatically upon ceasing to hold such office, without the need for any action by the corporation, its directors or its members. The provisions of sections 33-1085, 33-1087, 33-1088 and 33-1091 shall not apply to ex-officio directors.
- Sec. 550. Subsection (b) of section 34-122 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (b) The articles of organization may be amended in any and as many respects as may be desired, [so] <u>as</u> long as the articles of organization as amended contain only provisions that may be lawfully contained in articles of organization at the time of making the

- 1228 amendment.
- Sec. 551. Subsection (d) of section 34-324 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 1231 *passage*):
- 1232 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of this section, a
- 1233 filed statement of partnership authority supplements the authority of a
- 1234 partner to enter into transactions on behalf of the partnership as
- 1235 follows:
- 1236 (1) Except for transfers of real property, a grant of authority
- 1237 contained in a filed statement of partnership authority is conclusive in
- favor of a person who gives value without knowledge to the contrary,
- 1239 [so] as long as and to the extent that a limitation on that authority is
- 1240 not then contained in another filed statement. A filed cancellation of a
- limitation on authority revives the previous grant of authority.
- 1242 (2) A grant of authority to transfer real property held in the name of
- the partnership contained in a certified copy of a filed statement of
- 1244 partnership authority recorded in the office for recording transfers of
- that real property is conclusive in favor of a person who gives value
- 1246 without knowledge to the contrary, [so] as long as and to the extent
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- 1248 authority is not then of record in the office for recording transfers of
- that real property. The recording in the office for recording transfers of
- 1250 that real property of a certified copy of a filed cancellation of a
- limitation on authority revives the previous grant of authority.
- Sec. 552. Subsections (i) and (j) of section 36b-19 of the general
- statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 1254 (Effective from passage):
- 1255 (i) Every registration statement is effective for one year from its
- 1256 effective date, except during the time a stop order is in effect under
- section 36b-20. All outstanding securities of the same class as a
- registered security are considered to be registered for the purpose of

any nonissuer transaction (1) [so] as long as the registration statement is effective, and (2) between the thirtieth day after the entry of any stop order suspending or revoking the effectiveness of the registration statement under section 36b-20 if the registration statement did not relate in whole or in part to a nonissuer distribution and one year from the effective date of the registration statement. A registration statement may not be withdrawn for one year from its effective date if any securities of the same class are outstanding; provided, if within such one-year period the security or transaction covered by such registration statement becomes eligible for an exemption from registration, the registration statement shall be terminated if the commissioner is notified in writing within such one-year period of the exempt status of the security or transaction. A registration statement may be withdrawn otherwise only in the discretion of the commissioner.

- (j) [So] <u>As</u> long as a registration statement is effective, the commissioner may by regulation or order require the person who filed the registration statement to file reports not more often than quarterly, to keep reasonably current the information contained in the registration statement and to disclose the progress of the offering.
- Sec. 553. Subsection (c) of section 42-133n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (c) The pendency of any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding against a franchisor, its agents or representatives, brought by federal or state authorities or any of their respective agencies under any federal or state act relating to antitrust laws or to franchising, or under [sections] section 42-133l or 42-133m, shall toll the limitation of any civil action brought under sections 42-133j to 42-133n, inclusive, if the action hereunder is then instituted within one year after the final judgment or order in such proceedings, provided [that said] such limitation of actions shall in any case toll the law [so] as long as there is actual concealment on the part of any franchisor, its agents or

- 1292 representatives.
- Sec. 554. Subsection (g) of section 42b-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1296 (g) Whenever an issuer shall issue an uncertificated registered 1297 public obligation, the system of registration may provide that a true 1298 copy of the official actions of the issuer relating to such uncertificated 1299 registered public obligation be maintained by the issuer or by the 1300 person, if any, maintaining such system on behalf of the issuer, [so] as 1301 long as the uncertificated registered public obligation remains 1302 outstanding and unpaid. A copy of such official actions, verified to be 1303 such by an authorized officer, shall be admissible before any court of 1304 record, administrative body or arbitration panel without further 1305 authentication.
- Sec. 555. Subsection (a) of section 42b-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) An issuer or an issuer's official or official body on behalf of the issuer may appoint for such term as may be agreed, including for [so] as long as a registered public obligation may be outstanding, corporate or other authenticating agents, transfer agents, registrars, paying or other agents and specify the terms of their appointment, including their rights, their compensation and duties, limits upon their liabilities and provision for their payment of liquidated damages in the event of breach of certain of the duties imposed, which liquidated damages may be made payable to the issuer, the owner or a financial intermediary. None of such agents need have an office or do business within this state. The provisions of this subsection shall not relieve any issuer from any obligation applicable to it pursuant to section 7-373.
- Sec. 556. Subsection (b) of section 45a-206 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(b) Such corporation shall not act in such capacity until it has appointed in writing the Secretary of the State and his <u>or her</u> successors in office to be its attorney, upon whom all process in any action or proceeding against it may be served in any action or proceeding relating to its activities in such capacity. In such writing, such corporation shall agree that any process against it which is served on the Secretary of the State shall be of the same legal force and validity as if served on such corporation, and that such appointment shall continue [so] <u>as</u> long as any liability on account of such activities remains outstanding against the corporation in this state.

- Sec. 557. Subsection (c) of section 45a-318 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (c) In the absence of a written designation of an individual pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, or in the event that an individual and any alternate designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section [declines] <u>decline</u> to act or cannot be located within forty-eight hours after the time of death or the discovery of the body, the following individuals, in the priority listed, shall have the right to custody and control of the disposition of a person's body upon the death of such person, subject to any directions for disposition made by such person pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section:
 - (1) The deceased person's spouse, unless such spouse abandoned the deceased person prior to the deceased person's death or has been adjudged incapable by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- 1349 (2) The deceased person's surviving adult children;
- 1350 (3) The deceased person's surviving parents;
- 1351 (4) The deceased person's surviving siblings;
- 1352 (5) Any adult person in the next degree of kinship in the order 1353 named by law to inherit the deceased person's estate, provided such

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adult person shall be of the third degree of kinship or higher;

- 1355 (6) Such adult person as the Probate Court shall determine.
- Sec. 558. Subsection (b) of section 45a-487 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 1358 *passage*):
- (b) Unless a will or governing trust instrument expressly provides
- otherwise, the lack of such discretionary power by one trustee shall not
- impair any authority granted by the will or governing trust instrument
- to any other trustee or cotrustee to make such distributions with
- respect to the same trust to or for the benefit of the trustee who lacks
- such power, [so] as long as such other trustee exercises the power
- without participation by the trustee who lacks such power.
- Sec. 559. Subsection (a) of section 46b-22 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 1368 *passage*):
- 1369 (a) All judges and retired judges, either elected or appointed and
- including federal judges and judges of other states who may legally
- 1371 join persons in marriage in their jurisdictions, family support
- magistrates, state referees and justices of the peace may join persons in
- 1373 marriage in any town in the state and all ordained or licensed
- 1374 clergymen, belonging to this state or any other state, [so] as long as
- they continue in the work of the ministry may join persons in
- marriage. All marriages solemnized according to the forms and usages
- 1377 of any religious denomination in this state, including marriages
- 1378 witnessed by a duly constituted Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is, are
- valid. All marriages attempted to be celebrated by any other person
- 1380 are void.
- Sec. 560. Section 46b-130 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- The parents of a minor child for whom care or support of any kind

has been provided under the provisions of this chapter [,] shall be liable to reimburse the state for such care or support to the same extent, and under the same terms and conditions, as are the parents of recipients of public assistance. Upon receipt of foster care maintenance payments under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act by a minor child, the right of support, present, past, and future, from a parent of such child shall, by this section, be assigned to the Commissioner of Children and Families. Referral by the commissioner shall promptly be made to the Child Support Enforcement Unit of the Department of Social Services for pursuit of support for [said] <u>such</u> minor child in accordance with the provisions of section 17b-179. Any child who reimburses the state under the provisions of subsection [(k)] (I) of section 46b-129 for any care or support [he] <u>such child</u> received shall have a right of action to recover such payments from [his] <u>such child</u>'s parents."